(iii) To improve the visibility and present of sales points, additional Posters, Glow sign boards, Danglers are being provided in the service areas of MTNL Cellular Mobile.

(iv) New Customer Service centers and bill collection centres are proposed to be opened to improve the access points for the Dolphin subscribers.

(v) More numbers of Base-Trans receivers Stations (BTSs) are being added in Delhi and Mumbai to further improve the RF coverage.

Failure of WLL in Orissa

4990. SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the failure of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Service in providing telephone connections to the people in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to make the WLL telephone service to the satisfaction of the customers in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. There had been partial interruption in Rural WLL service in Orissa. However, the telephone connections are provided based on demand and feasibility.

(b) The reasons for such interruption are :

(1) Damage to OFC media connecting the wireless equipment, due to expansion of National Highway.

(2) Fault occurrence in rural WLL equipment.

(3) Batteries of the fixed wireless terminal getting discharged early, due to prolonged power failure in rural areas.

(c) The following steps have been taken :

(1) Expeditious restoration of OFC Media, damaged due to expansion of National Highway.

(2) The supplier of rural WLL system has been awarded Post Warranty Annual Maintenance contract for 5 years as an integral part of the Purchase order.

(3) The performance of the WLL system has been kept under close observation.

Telephone exchanges/Post Offices in Assam

4991. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of telephone exchanges and post offices in Assam, district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of these offices are inadequate;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Revenue District-wise number of telephone exchanges and post offices in Assam are given in the enclosed Statement-I and Statement-II (*See* below);

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement-I

Revenue District-wise number of Telephone Exchanges in Assam as on 31-03-2003

Sl. No.	Revenue District	No. of Telephone Exchanges as on 31-03-2003
1.	Barpeta	18
2.	Bongaigaon	11
3.	Cachar	51
4.	Darrang	23
5.	Dhemaji	08
6.	Dhubri	21
7.	Dibrugarh	34
8.	Goalpara	11
9.	Golaghat	35
10.	Hailakandi	14